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BY THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 (Fisheries)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to United States observers on
6 foreign fishing vessels.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Manage-
9 ment Act provides for the stationing of United States observers aboard each
10 foreign vessel that is engaged in fishing in the fishery conservation zone;
11 and

12 WHEREAS section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Manage-
13 ment Act also allows the Secretary of Commerce to waive the requirement of
14 stationing United States observers aboard foreign fishing vessels under
15 certain circumstances; and

16 WHEREAS United States observers have been stationed aboard only 30
17 percent of foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone in
18 1982; and

19 WHEREAS the stationing of United States observers aboard a larger
20 percentage of foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone
21 would provide more complete information about the degree of foreign inter-
22 ception of Pacific salmon and about the migratory patterns of the Pacific
23 salmon; and

24 WHEREAS the generation of more complete information about the Pacific
25 salmon by United States observers would assist the State of Alaska in
26 establishing optimum salmon escapement and harvest levels;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
28 the United States Congress to amend section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery
29 Conservation and Management Act to

1 (1) provide that United States observers be stationed aboard all
2 catcher vessels, as well as mother ships, of foreign fleets fishing in the
3 fishery conservation zone;

4 (2) provide that foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conser-
5 vation zone be required to provide adequate, safe, clean quarters for
6 United States observers;

7 (3) define the situations that are beyond the control of the
8 Secretary of Commerce in which the secretary may waive the requirement of
9 stationing United States observers aboard foreign vessels fishing in the
10 fishery conservation zone; and

11 (4) provide that a vessel for which the observer requirement has
12 been waived shall proceed to a United States port for a review of the
13 vessel's logs and catch after fishing in the fishery conservation zone.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Ronald
15 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Presi-
16 dent of the Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the
17 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
18 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
19 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.